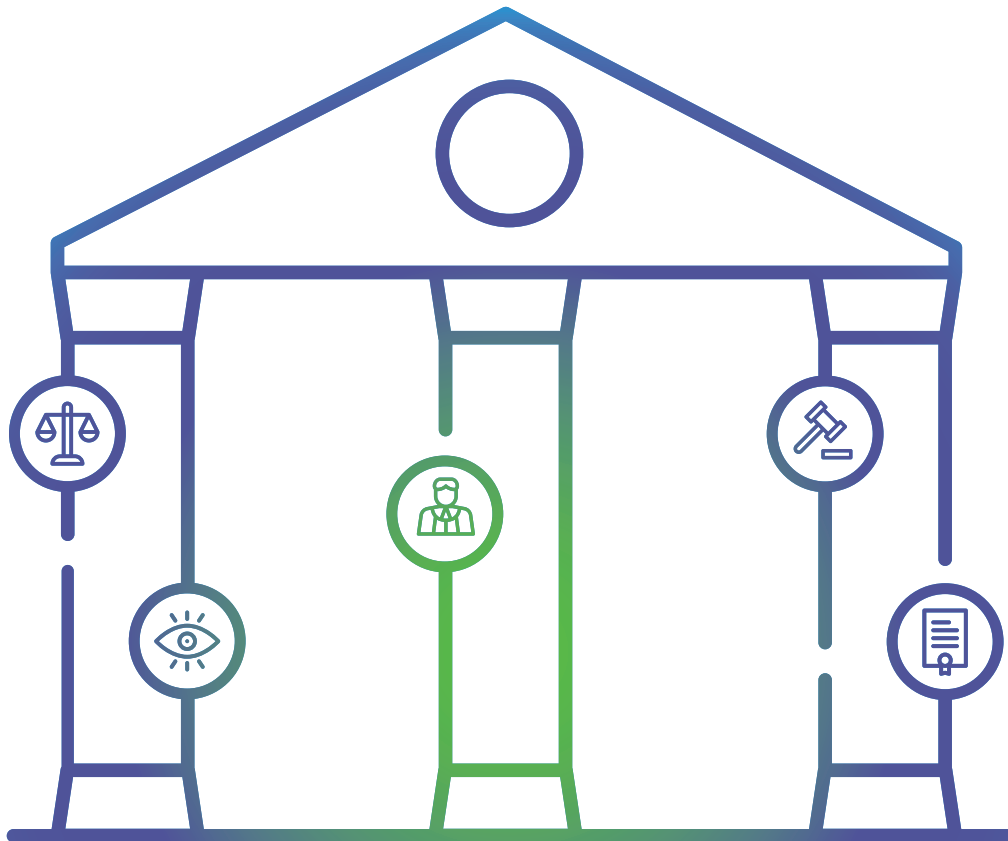




BRUSSELS  
SCHOOL OF  
COMPETITION



LL.M. IN  
COMPETITION LAW  
AND ECONOMICS

LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME 2024-2025



# INTERUNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE IN COMPETITION LAW

The programme is entirely taught in English and divided into 10 modules and 4 clinical seminars. With 13.5 hours for each module and with 4.5 hours for each clinical seminar, the programme seeks to offer the strongest possible training in the various disciplines of competition policy. Most modules are taught by both a lawyer and an economist in order to convey the multidisciplinary content of competition policy. Students who pass all the modules will be awarded an "Interuniversity certificate" and 32 credits.

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## FOREWORD

FULL ONLINE  
PROGRAMME AVAILABLE

All LL.M. courses can now be taken remotely.

The courses are given either entirely remotely by videoconference or in a hybrid format (the course is given in class to students and simultaneously livestreamed).

This format offers students the following benefits:

- 1\_ they can take courses from anywhere in the world, conveniently and safely;
- 2\_ they can, if they wish, attend classes in person and meet up with their teachers and classmates.

We aim to make it equally convenient for all BSC students to take courses remotely or in person, and to ensure they all have the same opportunities to interact with teaching staff and classmates.

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## AMBITION OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme in Competition Law and Economics has been designed to meet the needs of companies and their counsels, who have to cope with increasingly complex competition rules and the unprecedented economic risks arising from the enforcement of those rules.

### THE PROGRAMME HAS 5 UNIQUE DEFINING FEATURES

- 1\_ It offers practical training, thanks to an experienced contingent of competition lawyers, economic consultants, and senior officials
- 2\_ It provides high-level lectures taught by outstanding academics
- 3\_ It embraces a modern approach to training, fully reflecting the interdisciplinary nature (law and economics) of competition policy
- 4\_ It proposes a flexible training programme compatible with the requirements of professional practice
- 5\_ It gives its students opportunities to socialise and meet fellow competition professionals on a regular basis

### AND HAS 2 MAIN OBJECTIVES

- 1\_ To prepare fresh graduates for entry in the demanding competition market
- 2\_ To provide an upgrade for established competition experts on contemporary developments in law, economics and policy



## PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE

- › **Business lawyers and economic consultants** (junior and senior) seeking to expand, improve or refresh their knowledge of competition law and economics.
- › **Companies**, not only in-house lawyers, but also **managers, executives and public affairs experts** who come across competition issues in their daily business activities.
- › **Civil servants** from competition agencies, sectoral regulators, public administrations and state-owned companies, who regularly have to deal with situations involving competition law.
- › **Young graduates in law or economics** who seek to add another string to their bow.



## SOME OF THE ORGANISATIONS THAT TOOK PART TO THE PROGRAMME

AB INBEV, ACCENTURE, ARNOLD & PORTER, ASHURST, AUSTRIAN FEDERAL COMPETITION AUTHORITY, AUTHORITY FOR CONSUMERS AND MARKETS, BAKER BOTTS, BASF, BAYER, BELFIUS, BELGIAN COMPETITION AUTHORITY, BIPT, BIRD & BIRD, BOSCH AND SIEMENS, BPOST, COVINGTON & BURLING, CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY, CARMEUSE, CLEARY GOTTlieb STEEN HAMILTON, COCA-COLA EUROPEAN PARTNERS, CONTRAST, COVINGTON & BURLING LLP, CROWELL MORING, D'IETEREN, DE BRAUW BLACKSTONE WESTBROEK, DELHAIZE GROUP, DELOITTE, DENTONS KENSINGTON SWAN, D'IETEREN, DISTRIGAS, EDF, ELECTRABEL, ELIA, EUROCLEAR, EUROPEAN BANKING FEDERATION, EUROPEAN COMMISSION, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, FEBELCEM, FINCO, FOCUS ADVOKATER, GARRIGUES, GAZPROM, GIBSON DUNN, GLAXOSMITHKLINE, HITACHI, HONEYWELL, HOUTHOFF BURUMA, HP BELGIUM, HUNTSMAN, IBPT, ICEWATCH, JANSON BAUGNIET, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, JONES DAY, KBC, LAGA, LHOIST, LINEAS, LINKLATERS, LITHUANIAN COMPETITION COUNCIL, LOYENS & LOEFF, MASTERCARD, MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY, MICROSOFT, MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL HOLDINGS EUROPE, MONARD LAW, NAUTADUTILH, NMBS, PANASONIC, PIERSTONE, PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS, PROVIRON, PURATOS, RACINE, RBB ECONOMICS, SAMSUNG, SAP, SCHREDER, SHEARMAN & STERLING, SHEPPARD MULLIN, SIEMENS, SODEXO, SOGETI BELGIUM, SPADEL, SPE LUMINUS, SPF ECONOMY, SWIFT, TELENET, THYSSENKRUPP, TOTAL, TOYOTA MOTOR, UMICORE, VAN BAELE & BELLIS, VERIZON...



# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & HOW TO APPLY?

## EDUCATION

All applicants must hold a Master degree in law, in economics or in management science. Alternatively, applicants may hold a Master in another field and demonstrate sufficient legal expertise (e.g., professional experience or additional training in law). The Brussels School of Competition will ask participants to provide proof of their academic qualifications.

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

A working knowledge of English is required (Council of Europe, Independent User, scale B2).

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

Participants must hold a valid visa when they attend the programme at the Brussels School of Competition.

Non-EU foreign students may have to provide a copy of their visa during the application process. Relevant information may be found on the website of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs:

[http://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/travel\\_to\\_belgium/studying\\_in\\_belgium](http://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/travel_to_belgium/studying_in_belgium)

No visa is required for distance learning classes.

## FEES

*\* fees include the programme modules, catering and course materials only.*

The tuition fee is **€6,500 \*** for the entire course (**10 modules + 4 clinical seminars**).

The fee for a single module is €700. The fee for each clinical seminar is €250.

Students interested in spreading their attendance over 2 years should mention it at the beginning of the application process. The Board may then allow the programme to be spread over a **maximum of two years**. Students who want to spread the programme over **two years** will be requested to pay a **€500** fee per additional year. This fee covers administrative costs.

The course fees are due before registration deadlines.

## REGISTRATION

LL.M. programme applicants must submit their application no later than **15<sup>th</sup> September 2024**. The registration form can be downloaded directly from the Brussels School of Competition website:

[www.bsc-brussels.eu/interuniversity-certificatein-competition-law](http://www.bsc-brussels.eu/interuniversity-certificatein-competition-law)

As a rule, tuition fees must be paid in full prior to the start of the programme or chosen module/seminar. Upon receipt of payment, the student's BSC account will be activated and registration will be complete.

The programme is geared towards the requirements of working professionals. Participants may decide to follow only part of the programme, opting for a limited range of modules/clinical seminars which correspond to their main areas of interest.

Students attending the programme, or part of it, are entitled to continuing professional development (CPD) points from the relevant authorities.



# ORGANISATION

## TIMETABLE

The Interuniversity certificate in Competition Law covers a full academic year, starting on 16 September 2024 and ending on 23 June 2025. The course is held on Fridays afternoon online or at the premises of the BluePoint Brussels. The programme is divided into **10 modules and 4 clinical seminars**.

Each module takes place over a period of three weeks, with three weekly lectures on Friday afternoons from 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. In addition to the modules, the clinical seminars will be held on three consecutive Fridays, **from 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.**

You will be able to watch the lecture online and to attend one lecture per module in the classroom.

## ASSESSMENT

In order to obtain the Interuniversity certificate in Competition Law, students must:

**A. Enrol for the full programme** (10 modules + 4 clinical seminars)

**B. Pass the 10 exams** and get a mark of at least 10/20 for each module

**C. Obtain a mark of at least 10/20 on their dissertation**

### 1\_ ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL MODULES

At the end of each module, students will be assessed via an individual take-home exam, which may include case studies or multiple-choice questions. These exams must be completed and submitted within two weeks. Typically, exams are available a few days after the module ends, though delays may occur due to instructors' schedules. Clinical seminars are not formally assessed.

### 2\_ ATTENDANCE POLICY

In order to maintain a dynamic and effective learning environment, it is essential students attend all scheduled classes, both held in person or online. Although attendance is not mandatory for all classes, students are allowed up to three absences over the course of the semester. Excused absences will be granted in the case of illness or emergency. In case of absence, students must provide appropriate documentation, such as a doctor's note or other verifiable evidence. We understand however that work related events can occur and force students to miss classes.

Students based abroad are exempt from the attendance policy but are encouraged to actively participate, whereas students based in Belgium are strongly encouraged to come on site.

### 3\_ DISSERTATION

As part of the certificate, each student must write a short dissertation of 25-30 pages. The topic of the dissertation may be related to the student's day-to-day professional practice. Where possible, dissertations must cover both the legal and economic aspects of competition law.

Dissertation topics must be submitted to, and approved by, the BSC Board in consultation with the team of professors in charge of the relevant module. If two or more similar topics are submitted for approval, topics will be attributed on a first come, first served basis.

### 4\_ AN INTERUNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE IN COMPETITION LAW

Participants who complete the full programme and pass the assessment examination will receive an Interuniversity Certificate in Competition Law, as well as 32 credits (see European recognition and the decree of 7 November 2013 defining the higher education landscape and the academic organisation of studies). The certificate is personally significant for the participant's training and education plan, and the credits can be used when pursuing academic training in Europe (provided the credits are accepted by the programme for which the participant would subsequently like to enrol).

## TEACHING MATERIALS

Students will receive an online documentation pack comprising an outline of their course and relevant regulations, case law and academic literature for each module. Students may be given reading assignments. Students will have access to an online teaching platform where they can upload the exam and consult the materials before and during each course. All the courses will be filmed (video recording available for each session) and uploaded on the student platform.



# 1 GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO COMPETITION LAW AND ECONOMICS

session 1 > 20.09.2024  
 session 2 > 27.09.2024  
 session 3 > 04.10.2024

13.5 HOURS  
 2 CREDITS

## PROFESSORS



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 Head of Department  
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 Institute



**BENOIT DURAND**  
 Partner  
 RBB Economics

## CONTENT

- > Practical importance of competition law
- > Macro and micro economic effects of competition policy
- > Perfect competition, monopoly and oligopoly (Cournot and Bertrand)
- > The relevant market, market definition, the hypothetical monopolist test
- > Market power (incl. measurement techniques), market concentration, barriers to entry/expansion
- > The cellophane fallacy and other common fallacies
- > Overview of the competition rules and their history
- > The German ordo-liberal school
- > The market integration ethos
- > Institutions, enforcement and procedures
- > Relationship between EU and national competition law
- > Effect on trade between Member States
- > The concept of undertaking
- > Extraterritorial application of EU competition law and the effects doctrine
- > Case studies

# 2 THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF CARTEL AGREEMENTS

session 1 > 11.10.2024  
 session 2 > 18.10.2024  
 session 3 > 25.10.2024

13.5 HOURS  
 2 CREDITS

## PROFESSORS



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 Covington & Burling

## CONTENT

- > Collusion and leniency in economic theory
- > Economic and historical background of cartel enforcement
- > Types of cartel practices
- > Administrative procedure
- > The leniency programme
- > Fines and limitation periods
- > Parental liability and other imputability issues
- > Judicial review in cartel cases
- > The settlement procedure
- > International cooperation in cartel cases
- > Case studies
- > Judicial review in cartel cases
- > The settlement procedure
- > International cooperation in cartel cases
- > Case studies

# 3 THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF HORIZONTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

session 1 > 15.11.2024  
 session 2 > 22.11.2024  
 session 3 > 29.11.2024

13.5 HOURS  
 2 CREDITS

## PROFESSORS



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## CONTENT

- > Joint ventures – general issues
- > Principles of analysis under Art. 101 TFEU
- > Exchange of information agreements
- > R&D agreements
- > Production agreements
- > Purchasing agreements and buyer groups
- > Commercialization agreements
- > Standardization/standard terms generally
- > Standardization/IPR-related issues
- > The specific example of airlines alliances
- > Estimation of follow-on damages



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# 4 THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF MERGER CONTROL

session 1 > 06.12.2024  
 session 2 > 13.12.2024  
 session 3 > 20.12.2024

13.5 HOURS  
 2 CREDITS

## PROFESSORS



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 Executive Vice  
 President  
 Compass Lexecon



**MICHELE PIERGIOVANNI**  
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## CONTENT

- > Adoption of the EUMR
- > Application of the EUMR
- > Pillars of EU merger control
- > Comparison with U.S. merger control law
- > Evolution of EU merger control
- > Notion of concentration
- > EUMR jurisdiction and division of powers with Member States
- > Market definition under the EUMR
- > SIEC test and the economic fundamentals of merger control
- > Horizontal mergers
- > Vertical mergers
- > Conglomerate mergers
- > Failing firm
- > Efficiencies
- > Evidentiary principles, standard of proof, checks and balances
- > Types of evidence: merging parties' documents, witness statements, consumer surveys, quantitative evidence, etc.
- > Remedies: divestitures, severance of links with rivals, other remedies
- > Judicial review, damages, expedited procedure, appeals to EU Courts

## 5 THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF VERTICAL RESTRAINTS

session 1 > 10.01.2025  
 session 2 > 17.01.2025  
 session 3 > 24.01.2025

13.5 HOURS  
 2 CREDITS

### PROFESSORS



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 Contrast



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 Former Principal Advisor  
 Antitrust Policy - DG COMP  
 European Commission

### CONTENT

- > Introduction to the new Vertical Block Exemption Regulation 2024/720 and the new Vertical Guidelines
- > Common features (notion of agreements, market share threshold, etc.)
- > Exclusive distribution
- > Non-exclusive distribution
- > Selective distribution
- > Franchising
- > Resale price maintenance
- > Active and passive sales
- > Agency
- > On-line distribution
- > Single branding, upfront access payment and category management
- > Vertical coordination (double marginalization, retail services, free riding, commitment problem)
- > Inter-brand versus intra-brand competition
- > Workshops

## 6 THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF ABUSE OF DOMINANCE

session 1 > 31.01.2025  
 session 2 > 07.02.2025  
 session 3 > 14.02.2025

13.5 HOURS  
 2 CREDITS

### PROFESSORS



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### CONTENT

- > Dominance
- > History of article 102 TFEU – Exploitation v. Exclusion
- > The effects-based approach
- > The concept of abuse, general considerations
- > Predatory pricing
- > Rebates
- > Refusal to deal
- > Margin squeeze
- > Price discrimination
- > Tying/bundling
- > Abuse of collective dominance
- > Other abusive practices
- > Case studies

## 7 THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF STATE AID

session 1 > 21.02.2025  
 session 2 > 28.02.2025  
 session 3 > 07.03.2025

13.5 HOURS  
 2 CREDITS

### PROFESSORS



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**VINCENT VEROUDEN**  
 Economist  
 European Commission



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 Member of  
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 European Commission

### CONTENT

- > Brief historical and economic background
- > The notion of State aid: legal concept v. economic theory
- > State aid administrative procedure (European Commission procedure)
- > Judicial review (EU and national courts)
- > Compatibility assessment of State aid: the central role of economic theory – the balancing test
- > Compatibility assessment of State aid: focus on rescue and restructuring aid (including financial crisis measures), Covid-19 crisis and its phasing out, Ukraine Temporary Crisis Framework, regional aid and climate, energy and environmental aid

## 8 THE PROCEDURAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF EU COMPETITION ENFORCEMENT

session 1 > 14.03.2025  
 session 2 > 21.03.2025  
 session 3 > 28.03.2025

13.5 HOURS  
 2 CREDITS

### PROFESSORS



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 Legal Officer  
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### CONTENT

- > DG COMP and other relevant Commission organs
- > Decentralisation under Regulation 1/2003, the role of NCAs and of national judges
- > Infringement decisions and remedies
- > The settlement procedure
- > Interim measures
- > Withdrawal of block exemptions
- > Commitments, voluntary adjustments, inapplicability, etc.
- > Informal guidance
- > Fines
- > Appeals before the C.J.E.U.
- > Annulment proceedings
- > Failure to act
- > Actions for damages
- > Case studies



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## 9\_ COMPETITION LAW AND THE REGULATION OF NETWORK INDUSTRIES

session 1 > 11.04.2025  
 session 2 > 18.04.2025  
 session 3 > 25.04.2025

13.5 HOURS  
 2 CREDITS

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### CONTENT

- > Regulation and regulatory theory: Why regulation (legal, political and economic reasons)?
- > Market opening reforms and basic components of regulation: EU liberalisation policy
- > Institutions of regulation (Commission, national regulatory agencies)
- > Energy regulation (gas and electricity)
- > Electronic communications regulation
- > Price regulation
- > Access price regulation, vertical separation and investment
- > Universal service and Internet neutrality
- > Application of competition policy to electronic communications markets: margin squeeze, cartels, mergers
- > Application of competition law to energy markets: abuse, agreements, mergers
- > Relationship between competition law and regulation
- > Case studies

## 10\_ EU COMPETITION LAW AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

session 1 > 09.05.2025  
 session 2 > 16.05.2025  
 session 3 > 23.05.2025

13.5 HOURS  
 2 CREDITS

### PROFESSORS



MIGUEL RATO  
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ESTHER VAN ZIMMEREN  
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### CONTENT

- > Economic rationale for the protection of intellectual creations
- > Various types of IPRs and their respective regulatory frameworks
- > Alternative instruments to encourage innovation
- > Use and abuse of IP rights, including IP Licensing practices and compulsory licensing
- > Competition Law and IP in ICT and platform markets
- > Cumulative innovations, hold-up and tragedy of the anti-commons
- > Standard-setting, network effects and licensing
- > The pharmaceutical sector inquiry and patent settlements

# CLINICAL SEMINARS

## 1\_ COMPETITION AND ARBITRATION

session > 06.06.2025  
 4.5 HOURS

### PROFESSORS



XAVIER TATON  
Partner  
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Partner  
contrast



OLIVIER CAPRASSE  
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### CONTENT

- > Arbitrability and public policy
- > Duty for arbitrators to raise competition law issues
- > Arbitration as an appropriate tool to litigate private damages claims
- > Unenforceability defense in contract litigation
- > Relevance and weight of decisions issued by competition authorities in arbitration proceedings

## 2\_ COMPETITION COMPLIANCE

session > 13.06.2025  
 4.5 HOURS

### PROFESSORS



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### CONTENT

- > Arbitrability of Competition Claims: Traditional View (until mid-1980s), Evolving Approach
- > Scope of Arbitration Clauses
- > General Arbitration Clauses
- > Arbitrators and Competition Law
- > Powers, limitations and obligations of Arbitrators
- > Ex Officio Application of Competition Law
- > Review of Arbitrators' Decisions
- > Public Policy Violations
- > Arbitration and Public Authorities
- > Cooperation with Authorities
- > Competition Law in the U.S
- > Arbitration as a Tool
- > Competition Law During Arbitration Proceedings
- > Non-Governmental Decision-Maker
- > Difference from Other ADRs
- > Mediation, Conciliation, Technical Expert Investigation, Expert Determination
- > Party Autonomy
- > Certainty and Centralization
- > Balanced Procedures
- > Preliminary and Conservatory Measures
- > Drafting Arbitration Clauses
- > Institutional or Ad Hoc
- > ADRs Before Arbitration



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# CLINICAL SEMINARS

## 3\_ COMPETITION LAW & DIGITAL PLATFORMS

session > 20.06.2025  
4.5 HOURS

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GRIET JANS  
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### CONTENT

- > Unique Market Characteristics:
- > Multi-sided Platforms/Markets/Business Models
- > Network Effects
- > Case Studies: (Google Shopping ; Google Android; Most Favoured Nation (MFN) Clauses ; Amazon Marketplace
- > Digital Markets Act (DMA): Purpose and Objectives ; Designation Procedure
- > DMA Obligations: Article 5 (Self-executing obligations) ; Article 6 ; Other Obligations
- > Legal and Institutional Issues



### LIVE STREAM CLASSES

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## 4\_ NATIONAL COMPETITION LAW

session > 27.06.2025  
4.5 HOURS

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### CONTENT

- > Recent developments in Belgian Competition Policy
- > The institutional framework
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- > Infringement cases
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  - procedure
  - sanctions
- > Merger control
  - substantive issues
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- > The BCA and the DMA
- > Advocacy and informal competition policy



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The programme was very beneficial for me as a practicing lawyer. I am working full-time but was able to combine my work with BSC classes thanks to a very convenient schedule. (...) In addition to the enlightening classes, the programme is a great network of professors and students from different countries. Very thankful for such a tailor-made programme as I apply the gained knowledge in my day-to-day work.

**VALERIIA LEPSKA**  
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The BSC LL.M. Program in Competition Law & Economics is a class on its own. As someone who comes from a non-EU country, I had the opportunity to witness first hand the depth of this LL.M program. (...) My LL.M. journey was very fruitful and transformative as I look forward to applying the learnings that I acquired here in my practice as a government lawyer in the Philippines.

**GLENN THYRON S. ANCHETA**  
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Teaching by top-class experts in their fields make this program extremely useful for practitioners – even those with already several years of experience in EU competition law. By involving practising lawyers, economists and the European Commission’s officials, BSC gave me the unique opportunity to view some well-known topics from multi-angle perspectives.”

**SZYMON GOLEBIOWSKI**  
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These lectures allow me, a layman, to quickly grasp competition law principles. You can learn from senior officers, distinguished, lawyers, professors, and economists. You will have a better understanding of the latest development in competition law. I believe you will enjoy it too!

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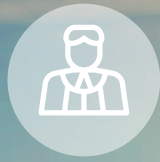
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